

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY and MAQUOKETA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-00-19
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued December 12, 2000)

On October 18, 2000, Interstate Power Company (Interstate) and Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative (Maquoketa Valley) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to 199 IAC 20.3(9). The petition included a service area agreement between Interstate and Maquoketa Valley. No objections to the petition were filed.

Interstate and Maquoketa Valley request the Utilities Board (Board) transfer from Interstate to Maquoketa Valley the service territory in Dubuque County described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 1, Township 88 North, Range 1 West of the 5th P.M., Dubuque County, Iowa, thence south to the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said section, thence west to the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said section, thence north to the Northwest corner

of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said section, thence east to the point of beginning, all in the last named township and range.

In support of the petition, Interstate and Maquoketa Valley assert that a developer has requested service for this area from Maquoketa Valley. While the area is currently in Interstate's service territory, Maquoketa Valley has distribution facilities adjacent to the area. Interstate would have to build a distribution line to provide service. No customers are presently being served in the area proposed to be transferred.

Iowa Code § 476.25 (1999) provides in pertinent part:

Contracts between electric utilities to designate service areas and customers to be served by the electric utility or for the exchange of customers between electric utilities, when approved by the board, shall be valid and enforceable and shall be incorporated into the appropriate exclusive service areas established pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. The board shall approve a contract if it finds that the contract will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, will provide adequate electric service to all areas and customers affected, will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities, and is in the public interest.

The Board will grant the Interstate and Maquoketa Valley joint petition for modification of service area boundaries. Interstate and Maquoketa Valley have alleged facts which establish the proposed modification is in the public interest, will prevent unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and will promote the efficient and economical use of electrical systems, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries filed by Interstate Power Company and Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative on October 18, 2000, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. /s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12th day of December, 2000.